(b) if so, the details of the incidents occurred in various States and groups responsible for the same; and

(c) what steps Government would take to instil confidence among minorities and ensure such incidents do not recur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. There has not been any alarming increase in the incidents of communal violence against minorities. However, there have been some incidents of violence against Christians. But most of these incidents relate to law and order/crime. In the case of bomb blasts in church premises in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Goa in the year 2000, the involvement of activists of an organization called the 'Deendar Anjuman' has been established.

'Public Order' and 'Police' appear at Entry No. 1 and 2 of List II-State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. Hence, it is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to maintain public order and peace, including registration, investigation of crime and compiling of data relating to communal incidents etc.

The Government of India shares intelligence and sends advisories/ alert messages to the States/UTs from time to time and Central Para-military Forces are made available to them on specific request. A special force called the Rapid Action Force is deployed to deal exclusively with the communal tensions. Assistance is also being provided to State Governments for modernization of their policing infrastructure. In addition, detailed guidelines have been issued in October, 1997 for the promotion of communal harmony.

Cases of atrocities on SC/ST

2753. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases of atrocities on SC and ST reported during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the action taken in these cases by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The information received from the National Crime Records Bureau is enclosed as Statement. (*See* below)

(b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and, as such, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government of India has been advising the State Governments, from time to time, to give more focussed attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system and take such measures as are necessary for the prevention of crimes against the Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes and other vulnerable sections of the society. 40 exclusive special courts under the Protection of Civil Right Act, 1955 and 78 exclusive special courts under the Prevention of Atrocities (SC/ST) Act, 1989 have been set up in the country for speedy disposal of cases.

Statement

Incidence of Crimes Committed Against Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes during 1998-2000

Sl. No.	State/UT	SC			Fig. are up to the month of	ST			Fig.are upto the month of
		1998	1999	2000		1998	1999	2000	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1605	1749	1181	Sep.	345	178	133	Sep.
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	Aug.	0	1	13	Aug.
3.	Assam	0	7	7	Oct.	0	2	0	Oct.
4.	Bihar	785	820	589	Sep.	144	67	50	Sep.
5.	Goa	2	0	1	Dec.	1	0	0	Dec.
6.	Gujarat	1884	1781	892	Aug.	406	367	223	Aug.
7.	Haryana	159	121	109	Dec.(Nov.)	28	0	0	Dec(Nov).
8.	Himachal Pradesh	59	54	52	Dec.	1	19	11	Dec.
9.	Jammu &Kashmir	17	13	9	Oct.	0	3	3	Oct.
10.	Karnataka	1148	1277	1218	Nov.	71	60	57	Nov.
11.	Kerala	768	514	467	Dec.	138	81	63	Dec.
12.	Madhya Pradesh	4051	4667	4378	Nov.	1394	1756	1760	Nov.
13.	Maharashtra	683	605	528	Dec.	153	171	154	Dec.
14.	Manipur	0	0	0	Dec.	0	0	0	Dec.
15.	Meghalaya	0	1	0	Oct.	0	1	2	Oct.
16.	Mizoram	0	2	0	Dec.	0	1	1	Dec.
17.	Nagaland	0	0	0	Dec.	0	0	0	Dec.
18.	Orissa	772	772	190	Mar.	282	335	47	Mar.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
19.	Punjab	23	39	23	Nov.(Sep.)	2	5	6	Nov.(Sep.)
20.	Rajasthan	5586	5623	4846	Nov.	1132	1221	1055	Nov.
21.	Sikkim	2	12	15	Dec.	33	18	8	Dec.
22.	Tamil Nadu	1562	883	1202	Nov.	31	105	9	Nov.
23.	Tripura	0	0	0	Dec.	0	0	3	Dec.
24.	Uttar Pradesh	6511	6122	5310	Oct.	110	58	47	Oct.
25.	West Bengal	0	0	0	Oct.	0	0	0	Oct.
	TOTAL	25617	25062	21017		4271	4449	3645	
26.	A&N Islands	0	0	0	Dec.	0	0	1	Dec.
27.	Chandigarh	0	0	1	Dec.(Jan.)	0	0	0	Dec.(Jan.)
28.	D&N Haveli	0	0	0	Dec.(Oct.)	1	0	3	Dec.(Oct.)
29.	Daman & Diu	0	0	1	Nov.(Apr. Jan. Aug.)	0	1	0	Nov. (Apr. Jun. Aug.)
30.	Delhi	11	18	13	Dec.	0	0	0	Dec.
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	Dec.	0	0	1	Dec.
32.	Pondicherry	10	13	21	Dec.	4	0	0	Dec.
	TOTAL (UTS)	21	31	36		5	1	5	
	TOTAL (All India)	25638	25093	21053		4276	4450	3650	

Source: Monthly Crime Statistics

Note: Figures are provisional, bracketed month name indicates non availability of date for that month. Figure for the year 2000 are up to the available month only.